## LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Government Accountability and Oversight Wednesday, February 24, 2010 4:12 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall

Present: Chairman: CM Ward-Pugh
Vice Chair: CM Fleming

Members: CM King, (Left at 4:55 p.m.) CM Kramer, and

**CM Henderson** 

Absent: CM Tandy and CM Downard

Chairwoman Ward-Pugh began the meeting by introducing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

## **Special Items For Discussion**

Continued Discussion - Ethics Workgroup Report and Discussion of Recommendations

Chairman Ward-Pugh gave a brief update. There is a combined Ethics Ordinance that is to have First Reading at the February 25<sup>th</sup>, Metro Council Meeting. That Ordinance will be before the Committee at its next Meeting.

The following possible amendments were discussed:

- Council Members that may be involved in a Non-Profit or Charitable Organization
- Metro Officer
  - Any position as determined by a person identified in subsection (A) of this section that has the authority to enter into contracts over \$10,000 in value or make purchases of goods or services over \$10,000 in value
  - o A Legislative Assistant to a Metro Council Member
- 21.02 Standards of Conduct
  - Added New section K Non-Profit or Charitable Organizations disclosures all other sections to follow consecutively
  - Disclose on record with the clerk or prior to casting a vote
  - New Section M relating to representation
- 21.03 Financial Disclosure
  - o B (3) and (4) were stricken
  - Two new sections (A)(7) and (A)(8) Disclosure Funds from Metro Government and from one Metro Officer to another
    - Privacy laws and confidentiality
    - May set this aside

CM King left at 4:55 p.m.

Continued discussion included the following:

- Complaints
  - o (A)(6) amending a complaint
    - (B) due process by the Ethics Commission for a Metro Officer regarding a complaint
      - (B)(1) 10 day notification to the Metro Officer
      - (B)(7) Hearing within 120 days
  - o (F) Ethics Commission proceedings and confidentiality
- Ethics Commission
  - Clarification of vacancies
  - Reimbursements to the Members
  - Absences
  - o Removal of a member
  - Reporting
  - Metro Council oversight

Ethics Commission should review the Ordinance every 4 years

Chairman Ward-Pugh stated the Committee's intention is to have the new Ethics Ordinance before them at the next meeting on March 10, 2010, make any amendments necessary, and if it is agreed upon by the Committee Members and passed out of Committee, it will be placed on the March 11, 2010 Metro Council Agenda to be voted on by the full Council.

CM Kramer took a point of personal privilege for to wish Chairman Ward-Pugh a happy birthday.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

O-36-03-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES [LMCO] RELATING TO ETHICS. (Reintroduced 9-10-09)

Status:

In Committee - Held

Committee:

Government Accountability & Oversight **Primary Sponsor:** Marianne Butler

Jon Ackerson

Discussion: This item remained Held.

O-156-09-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES [LMCO] RELATING TO ETHICS.

Status: In Committee - Held

Committee: Government Accountability & Oversight

**Primary Sponsor:** Kenneth C. Fleming

Discussion: This item remained Held.

Motion to Adjourn made by Jim King. Without objection the Meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on February 25, 2010.

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